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Re:	Application No. 10/602,245		

Message:

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/602,245 First Named Applicant: Len Chan
Examiner: Paul R. Fisher Art Unit: 3689 Status of Application: Non-Final

Tentative Participants:

(1) Exr. Paul R. Fisher (2) Stephen A. Mason
(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 7/23/2009 Proposed Time: 11:00 AM EST AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Bingham, Patullo, & Fiske</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

Applicants wish to discuss the attached proposed amendment.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Stephen A. Mason

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

64,303

Registration Number, if applicable

Examiner/SPE Signature

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33. (Currently Amended) A method, the method comprising:
a ~~digital~~ data processing system receiving a request for a function space, wherein
the ~~digital~~ data processing system ~~comprising~~ stores availability information for
a plurality of function spaces in a common reservation table,
the common reservation table concurrently stores information related to an
inventory of a specific space and a category space representing the
function space,
each of the plurality of function spaces is located at one of a plurality of
properties,
~~in a common reservation table and~~ the data processing system stores a set of
pricing rules,
the request ~~comprising~~ comprises a plurality of criteria,
the plurality of criteria comprises
a ranking of facility quality,
and
the pricing rules ~~including~~ comprise rules for pricing the function space based
on a time of year;
determining, using a processor, an availability of the ~~requested~~ function space, wherein
the determining comprises determining the availability based upon
some or all of the availability information, and
one or more of the plurality of criteria, ~~wherein~~
~~said determining comprises determining said availability on a quality-~~
~~specific basis~~
said determining comprises determining the availability ~~is determined~~
contingent on a threshold revenue for the function space,
~~comprising the threshold revenue comprises~~
an expected food and drink revenue associated with the request, and
revenue derived from an expected number of sleeping room rentals
associated with the request, and

the threshold revenue is determined based on a day part for which the
function space is requested;

automatically providing a real-time price quote for the ~~requested request~~ function space
based on the set of pricing rules, wherein

~~in spite of in response to~~ having determined that the a requested function space
satisfying ~~the one or more of~~ the plurality of criteria is unavailable, an

alternative to the requested function space is presented, wherein
the alternative is selected as a closest approximation to the request,
the pricing rules comprise

general pricing rules, and

property-specific pricing rules, and

the real-time price quote includes a pricing discount based on ~~the~~
an attendance of ~~the an~~ event,

profit for one or more expected guest room rentals, and

an expected profit on food and drink sales;

in response to a user rejecting the real time price quote, presenting a plurality of
alternatives;

receiving an acceptance of the real-time price quote for the ~~requested~~ function space
from a user;

establishing a reservation for the ~~requested~~ function space as the category space
allocated for a length of time including a setup period and teardown period,
wherein

said length of time is determined in response to [[for]] a selected setup style

and the attendance, ~~wherein,~~ and

if said function space is unavailable, said reservation comprises an overbooking;
and

converting, after a delay, said reservation ~~for the requested function space as category~~
~~space~~ to a reservation for the specific space, wherein

the converting comprises displaying a graphical representation of a

hierarchical relationship between the category space and the specific
space

~~the specific space is selected from a set comprising an indivisible space and a
configured space of combined indivisible spaces.~~